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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT DURING GA
PLENARY DEBATE CONCERNING REPORT OF SC PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
OF GA RELATING TO RECENTLY CONCLUDED SC DEBATE ON SA:

"MY DELEGATION CANNOT ACCEPT THE ARGUMENT THAT THE VOTE
IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE LAST
OCTOBER 30 IN ANY WAY CHANGES THE CLEAR WORDING OF ARTICLES
5 AND 6 OF THE CHARTER. NOR, IN OUR VIEW, DOES IT IN ANY
WAY PERMIT THIS OR ANY OTHER ASSEMBLY TO DEPRIVE A MEMBER
OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

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I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE CRITICISM OF MY DELEGATION'S

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VOTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN MATTER.
I CATEGORICALLY REJECT ANY IMPLICATION THAT OUR VOTE WAS
ANTI-AFRICAN, ANTI-UNITED NATIONS, OR WAS MOTIVATED BY
ANY SUPPORT WHATSOEVER FOR APARTHEID.

AS I HAD HOPED WAS CLEAR FROM THE MANY TIMES MY DELEGATION
HAS EXPRESSED THIS VIEW, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THOROUGHLY
OPPOSES THE POLICY OF APARTHEID. WE SUPPORT THE SELF-
DETERMINATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF NAMIBIA. WE CALL
ON SOUTH AFRICA TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE
25 OF THE CHARTER AND TO COMPLY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

HAS IT BEEN FORGOTTEN THAT THE UNITED STATES IMPOSED ITS
OWN ARMS EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS
DID?

OUR VOTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, MR. PRESIDENT, REFLECTED
OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE UNITED
NATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BEST ALLOW MEMBERS TO CONTINUE
PRESSURE FOR NECESSARY REFORMS IN THAT NATION AS WELL AS
CHANGES IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.

AS I SAID IN MY EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE SECURITY
COUNCIL LAST OCTOBER 30, MR. PRESIDENT:

""MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD CONTINUE
TO BE EXPOSED, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, TO THE BLUNT EXPRESSIONS
OF THE ABHORRENCE OF MANKIND FOR APARTHEID. SOUTH AFRICANS
COULD HEAR OF THIS ABHORRENCE ONLY FROM AFAR, WERE WE TO
CAST THEM FROM OUR RANKS, BEYOND THE RANGE OF OUR VOICES.
OUR ANALYSIS IS THAT EXPULSION WOULD SAY TO THE MOST HARDENED
RACIST ELEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA THAT THEIR INDIFFERENCE
TO OUR WORDS AND RESOLUTIONS HAD BEEN JUSTIFIED. WE THINK
IT WOULD SAY TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT WE HAVE NOT HEARD,
OR DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE, THE NEW VOICES -- THE VOICES
THAT AUGUR HOPE OF CHANGE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED
NATIONS MUST CONTINUE ITS PRESSURE UPON SOUTH AFRICA MOVING
STEP BY STEP UNTIL RIGHT HAS TRIUMPHED. IT IS SELF-DEFEATING
TO FIRE A SINGLE LAST DRAMATIC SALVO WITH ONLY SILENCE TO
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FOLLOW. HISTORY HOLDS NO EXAMPLE OF A PARIAH STATE THAT
REFORMED ITSELF IN EXILE. THE PARIAH IS BY DEFINITION
AN OUTLAW, FREE OF RESTRAINT. THERE IS NO RECORD OF GOOD
CITIZENSHIP IN THE LAND OF NOD, EAST OF EDEN, WHERE CAIN,
THE FIRST PARIAH, WAS BANISHED.

""MY DELEGATION HAS ANOTHER GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE WISDOM
OF EXPELLING SOUTH AFRICA. EVEN IF THIS WOULD HELP THWART

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THE UGLY CRIME OF APARTHEID, EXPULSION WOULD SET A SHATTERING PRECEDENT WHICH COULD GRAVELY DAMAGE THE UNITED NATIONS STRUCTURE.""

MR. PRESIDENT, MY DELEGATION FURTHER BELIEVES THAT THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD REVERSE THE EVOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TOWARD EVER WIDER MEMBERSHIP.

THESE WERE OUR REASONS AND OUR ONLY REASONS. WE HOLD THEM NO LESS DEEPLY THAN THOSE WHO HOLD A DIFFERENT VIEW. WE RESPECT THAT DIFFERENT VIEW AND WE EXPECT NO LESS IN RETURN. WE ALSO EXPECT THAT THE CLEAR WORDS OF THE CHARTER WILL BE HONORED. THIS ASSEMBLY MAY BE MASTER OF ITS PROCEDURES BUT NOT OF OUR CHARTER WHICH REMAINS THE PARAMOUNT DOCUMENT GOVERNING OUR EXISTENCE AS AN ORGANIZATION BASED ON LAW." SCALI

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